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	1	A No. We discussed it over the telephone. That
,	2	was done by telephone directly.
	3	Q You dictated your transceiver report over the
	4	telephone to Jones, Day word processors. Is that
09:55	5	correct?
	6	A Well, I wouldn't use the word dictate, because
	7	I said the words that I wanted used.
	8	Q But you didn't dictate. You mean you explained
	9	the points of your report?
09:55	10	A I composed the points. I phrased the points
	11	and I stated the points.
	12	Q Now, who was this person you were stating the
	13	points to for the purpose of
	14	A I believe it was Charles Wong.
09:56	15	Q And who is Charles Wong?
	16	A The person seated two seats to my right.
	17	Q Do you understand Charles Wong to be a word
	18	processor?
	19	A Pardon?
09:56	20	Q Is he a word processor?
	21	A He's mighty good at it.
	22	Q So he's a typist?
	23	A He's mighty good at it. He can do it.
	24	Q Is he also a lawyer?
09:56	25	A I believe he is.

	1	Q I'm just trying to understand what occurred
	2	here.
	3	A That's okay.
	4	Q He's a lawyer who you explained the points to,
09:56	5	that then typed them down into a report form. Is that
	6	how the process worked?
	7	A Substantially, yes.
	8	Q So am I correct that at no time did you prepare
	9	any written document yourself, either in handwriting or
09:56	10	anything that you or someone at your direction other
	11	than Jones, Day created, in the preparation of your
	12	transceiver report?
	13	A I'm not exactly sure. Did I ever type my own
	14	notes to myself?
09:57	15	Q No.
	16	A Or did I ever send my writing to them
	17	electronically?
	18	Q In terms of the initial preparation of your
	19	transceiver report, you did not, yourself, physically
09:57	20	pen any language. Is that correct?
	21	MR. McBRIDE: Objection. Vague and ambiguous.
	22	BY MR. DORMAN:
	23	Q Can you answer the question? Do you know what
	24	it means to write down? You yourself didn't write down
09:57	25	the language that was communicated to Jones, Day. You

	1	A No, you didn't misstate what he said, but in
	2	this case we may be using the word "function" in
	3	slightly different ways. Okay? The word "function"
	4	here is describing what you want it to do, okay, as
11:30	5	opposed to a function which is like a mathematical
	6	transformation. Y is a function of X. So I
	7	certainly fine. Enough said.
	8	Q Now, do you agree with the following statement?
	9	That if one of ordinary skill in the art can determine
11:30	10	those three elements for a particular encoder, namely
	11	the input function as you've described it
	12	A Transformation.
	13	Q and output, he or she will know how a given
	14	encoder is supposed to work.
11:30	15	A In general, yes, but you might also want to
	16	know where that output is directed. If that helps
	17	describe what the output is more fully.
	18	Q Is it your testimony that if you don't know
	19	where the output is directed, you can't know how a given
11:31	20	encoder is supposed to work, even though you know those
	21	other three elements?
	22	A No, that's not what I said either.
	23	Q Do you agree that depending upon the type of
	24	encoding to be done, one of ordinary skill in the art
11:31	25	may choose to implement the encoder in hardware or in

	1	software as appropriate to the system he or she is
	2	building?
	3	A Say it again.
	4	Q Do you agree that depending upon the type of
11:31	5	encoding to be done, one of ordinary skill in the art
	6	may choose to implement the encoder in hardware or in
	7	software as appropriate to the system he or she is
	8	building?
	9	MR. McBRIDE: Objection. Vague and ambiguous.
11:32	10	THE WITNESS: That's a hard sentence to
	11	disagree with. It doesn't say much.
	12	BY MR. DORMAN:
	13	Q Do you agree that the person of ordinary skill
	14	in the art we're talking about is capable of building an
11:32	15	identification encoder if the input, function and output
	16	is disclosed?
	17	MR. McBRIDE: Same objection.
	18	THE WITNESS: Do I believe that someone of
	19	ordinary skill in the art could build it
11:32	20	BY MR. DORMAN:
	21	Q If the input, function and output
	22	A If the input, the transformation and the output
	23	were described, I suppose depending on the complexity of
	24	the encoder, they may or may not, but in general often
11:32	25	one would hope, yes. But I can give you an example.
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	1	MR. McBRIDE: It's completely unclear to me. I
	2	don't know that any term was coined. Certainly
	3	"identification encoder," as I understand the word
	4	coined, was not coined in the specification.
11:35	5	BY MR. DORMAN:
	6	Q Let me go to some issues relevant to an
	7	expert's engagement. Are you an employee of MIT?
	8	A Yes.
	9	Q And I take it you receive income from MIT
11:35	10	itself?
	11	A Some would call it that.
	12	Q I'm just trying to understand who your I
	13	mean the actual check you get is from MIT?
	14	A Absolutely.
11:35	15	Q The MIT Communications Futures Program, you're
	16	actively involved in that, correct?
	17	A I certainly am.
	18	Q Did you co-found that?
	19	A Yes.
11:36	20	Q Are you involved with the process of raising
	21	money for that program?
	22	A Yes.
	23	Q And I understand from your declaration that the
	24	budget for that program is funded in part by Cambridge
11:36	25	MIT Institute and also by industrial sponsors. Is that
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	1	correct?
	2	A That's correct.
	3	Q And is part of your job to actually go to
	4	potential industrial sponsors and ask for money?
11:36	5	A I ask them to join the program. I encourage
	6	them to join the program.
	7	Q And if they join the program, is there a
	8	certain amount they customarily pay to join?
	9	A Yes.
11:36	10	Q How much is that per year?
	11	A It depends on the style of membership, but
	12	generally either \$100,000 per year or \$200,000 per year.
	13	Q Who is the person principally responsible for
	14	soliciting those funds? Is that you?
11:37	15	A For soliciting you mean for approaching
	16	companies and asking them to join the program?
	17	Q Yes.
	18	A We prefer to use the phrase "join the program"
,	19	as opposed to saying "solicit funds."
11:37	20	Q All right.
	21	A There are four people who are what you would
	22	call the principals who would be principally charged
	23	with that, and I am certainly one of them.
	24	Q Now, are you familiar with the yearly budget of
11:37	25	the program?

	1	A Yes.
	2	Q What is the yearly budget of the program?
	3	A When I say that I don't budget it by year,
	4	because there is it's not like a contract that has to
11:37	5	wind down and spend exactly so much money per year. In
	6	other words, the amount of money that the program has
	7	for its research can be extended.
	8	Q It's not exactly yearly
	9	A My point is to make the budget income exceed
11:38	10	the outflow. The burn rate has to be less than what we
	11	expect to have for the length that we want to run it.
	12	On the order of \$2 million a year. A little
	13	less. Sometimes that number is a mix of what we hope to
	14	sign as sponsors
11:38	15	Q Of that approximate \$2 million a year, what
	16	percentage of that comes from the Cambridge MIT
	17	Institute and what percentage from sponsors, roughly?
	18	A Well, it's about \$700,000, \$800,000 from the
	19	industrial sponsors for this year. On the order of
11:38	20	that, plus a little from CMI, Cambridge MIT Institute.
	21	Q Are there any sponsorships less than \$100,000
	22	per year? Is that the minimum?
	23	A If you join the program you either join it as
	24	an affiliate for \$100,000, or you are joining it as a
11:39	25	full sponsor for \$200,000. If you are a sponsor of the

	1	MIT media laboratory, then you are adding it to
	2	essentially your support of our programs, so that
	3	increment would be \$100,000. I could allow a company in
	4	for nothing if I wanted, if I wanted their presence.
11:39	5	But there are currently no supporting industrial
	6	sponsors of the program who have signed a contract for
	7	less than \$100,000.
	8	Q Can you tell me who the current industrial
	9	sponsors are?
11:39	10	A Well, there is Samsung, Motorola, Comcast. I
	11	apologize but I'm not good at enumerating the entire
	12	list.
	13	Q Would you take a minute and look at the list of
	14	defendants in this case and tell me if any of these
11:40	15	defendants are
	16	A Sponsors of CFP?
	17	Q Yes.
	18	A Sure. Somebody else will have to correct me if
	19	I'm wrong as to whether they're parties in this case.
11:40	20	Comcast is a sponsor of the Communications Futures
	21	Program. I already mentioned them. At MIT for a
	22	sponsored research program it's I'd like to grow the
	23	program. Maybe I can put it in a simple way. I'd like
	24	to grow the program, and can I keep this list and ask
11:41	25	them the ones who aren't are ones that we would

	1	that the term "unique identification code" in the '702
	2	patent is ambiguous because it is functionally
	3	indistinguishable from the "unique address code?"
	4	A Have I changed my opinion from what I've
12:09	5	written in that sentence?
	6	Q Yes.
	7	A I have not.
	8	Q Did you hear what Peter Alexander said on that
	9	issue yesterday?
12:09	10	A I was there.
	11	Q You don't recall what he said?
	12	A I don't think that I would want to be quizzed
	13	on it. I haven't read it or thought about it since.
	14	Q Turn to your paragraph 62. We're moving into
12:10	15	sequence encoder. You say that claim 7 recites that the
	16	"sequence encoder transforms digital data blocks into a
	17	group of addressable data blocks." Do you see that?
	18	A Yes.
	19	Q Is the time encoder disclosed in the patent
12:10	20	capable of this function?
	21	MR. McBRIDE: Objection. Vague and ambiguous.
	22	BY MR. DORMAN:
	23	Q To one of ordinary skill in the art reading the
	24	specification of the '702 patent, is the time encoder
12:11	25	disclosed to be capable of performing this function?
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	1	A I think that quote there in claim 7 mirrors
	2	text in the patent.
	3	Q That's the text from claim 7?
	4	A Yes.
12:11	5	Q But my question used the word time encoder, not
	6	sequence encoder.
	7	A I would have to look at the spec for the
	8	patent.
	9	Q Let me help you. Go to column 7, line 57.
12:12	10	A Um-hum.
	11	Q And read that to yourself, and then if the
	12	court reporter will reread my question.
	13	(Record read as follows:
	14	"Question: To one of ordinary skill
12:11	15	in the art reading the specification
	16	of the '702 patent, is the time
	17	encoder disclosed to be capable of
	18	performing this function?")
	19	THE WITNESS: The time encoder described in
12:12	20	that sentence performs the same function. It's claimed
	21	to perform the same function. Uses the same words.
	22	BY MR. DORMAN:
	23	Q Do you recall Mr. Alexander's testimony
	24	yesterday where he talked about a data block being
12:13	25	synonymous with a frame, or words to that effect?

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	1	BY MR. DORMAN:
	2	Q You don't see where it says it's done by the
	3	time encoder?
	4	A Actually it doesn't even really say that, does
12:23	5	it?
	6	Q It says, "The sequence of addressable data
	7	blocks which was time encoded and output by time
	8	encoder."
	9	A Right. But that doesn't imply that the
12:24	10	sequence the sequence of addressable data blocks
	11	could have arrived at the time encoder in sequence, in
	12	which case the time encoder would have done nothing to
	13	them and passed them on.
	14	Q On paragraph 67 of your declaration you say,
12:25	15	"The term 'sequence encoder' does not appear in the
	16	specification of the '702 patent. Because the term
	17	'sequence encoder' has no ordinary meaning, and the term
	18	is not defined in the specification, a person of
	19	ordinary skill in the art cannot understand what is
12:25	20	meant by a sequence encoder."
	21	Would you agree with the statement that is
	22	identical to your paragraph 67, but which included the
	23	words "at all" after the word "understand"?
	24	MR. McBRIDE: Objection. Vague and ambiguous.
12:25	25	THE WITNESS: "A person of ordinary skill

	1	cannot understand at all what is meant by a sequence
	2	encoder"?
	3	BY MR. DORMAN:
	4	Q Yes. Would you agree with that statement?
12:26	5	MR. McBRIDE: Same objection.
	6	THE WITNESS: That's a good question. I would
	7	have to think about that. This is similar to the kind
	8	of question you asked me before, where it said would it
	9	provide no insight. I'm not sure. I would have to
12:26	10	think about it.
	11	Can you rephrase it and put it in a way that
	12	BY MR. DORMAN:
	13	Q No, that's the question. This gets back to
	14	why you're not able to answer that question?
12:27	15	A It's a lovely question. I would love to think
	16	about it.
	17	Q This is the topic of your expert testimony,
	18	so
	19	A The topic isn't the word "at all." I mean if I
12:27	20	felt strongly and had thought about it, I would have
	21	been happy to include the word "at all" if it applied.
	22	So I think it's fair to say that I ought to be able to
	23	reflect on it. I guess I can't agree with that, because
	24	in claim 7 there is a statement made as to what the
12:27	25	sequence encoder does that casts more light than zero on